



*“Be an Intentional Disciple”*

### **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

#### **Sunday Obligation**

Saturday: .....Vigil: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: .....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday: .....5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday thru Friday .....7:15 a.m.  
Holy Days: .....7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: .....3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
(Anytime by appointment)

### **BAPTISM and MARRIAGE**

Contact Office Manager

### **OCIA**

Contact Deacon Tom

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

### **OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER**

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### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

We are children of God and members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, under the guidance of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. We are united in Christ, devoted to the Eucharist, prayer, and service. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to proclaim the Gospel with love, uphold the dignity of every person, and nurture spiritual growth through worship, catechesis, and compassionate outreach. Inspired by our patron, St. Jude, the Apostle of Hope, we bring light to the suffering, strength to the weary, and hope to the hopeless, building God's kingdom in faith and unity here in Rochester, Illinois. Come, Let's Journey Together.  
**Reverend Peter Chineke - Pastor**



**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

### **Faithful Catholics, Patriotic Citizens!**

In the last few weeks, I have received many questions from some of my former students in different colleges around the country regarding the situation with Pope Leo XIV and President Trump. Thus, I felt the need to bring it up in our Parish Youth Night last Wednesday. Clarifying the situation with our parish youth and admonishing them on how to react/respond in times like this was fulfilling especially as two of them got back to me later with wonderful words of appreciation.

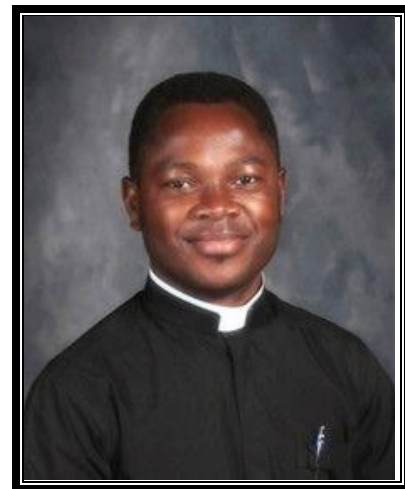
To be a faithful Catholic is to live within a communion that is both spiritual (Church) and visible (society). This communion is guided by Christ through His Church. The Pope is at the heart of this communion. He is the successor of Saint Peter and the Vicar of Christ of earth. Our moral obligation to honor and follow him is not rooted in mere sentiment, but in faith itself. We do not have the option to honor and follow the Pope. No. Instead, we have the moral obligation to do so. Christ entrusted Peter with the care of His flock, and through apostolic succession, that mission continues today. To remain united with the Pope is to remain united with the Church, safeguarding the truth, preserving unity, and fostering authentic discipleship. Fidelity to his teaching authority is an expression of obedience to Christ, who governs His Church through visible means.

At the same time, our vocation extends beyond the Church into the civic sphere – the society. As citizens, we are called to respect and honor the office of the President. No one is obliged to like the president, but we all have the civic responsibility to respect and honor the office he occupies. This does not apply only when someone you like or someone from your party occupies the office. It is not blind allegiance, but a recognition of the dignity of public office and the necessity of order in

society. Patriotism, rightly understood, is a virtue. It seeks the common good, promotes justice, and upholds peace. To honor the presidency is to affirm our commitment to the nation's well-being, even while exercising our duty to think critically and act conscientiously.

Thus, the faithful Catholic is never divided. He/she is anchored in the Church and engaged in society. In honoring the Pope, a faithful Catholic remains rooted in truth. In respecting the President, he/she contributes to the common good. In both, the faithful Catholic lives out a coherent witness – faithful to God and responsible to country.

*Fr. Peter Chineke*



### *Prayer to St Jude*

*O most holy apostle, Saint Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honoureth and invoceth thee universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, and of things almost despaired of.*

*Pray for me, who am so miserable. Make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded to thee, to bring visible and speedy help where help was almost despaired of.*

*Come to mine assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolation and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (here make your request) and that I may praise God with thee and all the elect throughout eternity.*

*I promise thee, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour thee as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to thee.*

*Amen.*

## PSR in April

A calendar for the month of April showing the PSR schedule. The dates are listed in a purple column on the left, and the corresponding activities are listed in a white column on the right. The background features a floral border with pink and yellow flowers.

April	
PSR SCHEDULE	
01	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30 PM/ SHADOW PLAY 6:40 PM
08	NO CLASS- ROCHESTER STEM FAIR
15	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30 PM
22	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30 PM/ 3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADE PARENT MEETING/CONFIRMATION PRACTICE
28	3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION AT CATHEDRAL
29	K-8 CLASS 6:30-7:30 PM

### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

This is the liaison between the diocese and anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor. (217)-321-1155

### Donut Sunday

Please join us for fellowship, donuts, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee on the following date: **April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**



We look forward to seeing you!

### Parish Blessing/Spring Picnic

Our final PSR night is Wednesday, May 13, and this year it will also include our Parish Blessing and Spring



Picnic. All are invited to join us as we celebrate the updates to our church and bell tower!

The Parish Blessing begins at 6:00 PM, followed by the picnic at 6:30 PM. We will also recognize our catechists for their service, and we will still have one of our favorite and newest traditions, where Fr. Peter and our PSR Coordinator, Alicia Harney will be pied in the face by the winners of our PSR donation contest!

Please RSVP using the sign-up in the back of church or the Google Form on our Facebook page no later than May 10.

**Mass Intentions & Times (†indicates deceased)**

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:30pm Mass (Int: George Ginter †)  
**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00am Mass (Int: Delbert Collings & Carolyn Carmichael †)  
 10:30am Mass (Int: Parish Family)  
**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:30pm Mass (Int: Frances Lynam †)  
**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)  
**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)  
**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Living & Deceased members of Garrett/Zucco Families †)  
**Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 7:15am Mass (Int: Jack Zucco †)  
**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 4:30pm Mass (Int: Roberta “Bobbi” Hickey †)  
**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 8:00am Mass (Int: Dan Connolly †)  
 10:30am Mass (Int: Parish Family)

***Next Week Schedule***

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, V. Walker, B. Auxier

**Lectors:** Thomas Bertrand & Mike Mankowski

**Servers:** C. Fitzsimmons & D. Sommer

**Hospitality:** J. Sponsler, L. & F. Yocum

**Sacristan:** Kay Foster

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, N. & J. Calvert, C. Vogt

**Lectors:** Lenna DeGroot & Josephine Hendricks

**Servers:** J. & B. Britz, E. & R. Strawkas, J. Hendricks

**Hospitality:** L. Drewes, D. & L. Wuellner

**Sacristan:** Zana Dahlkamp

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Peter, Dcn. Ray, M. Bruno, S. Roth

**Lectors:** Sarah Kerley & Drew Szabados

**Servers:** S. Harney, A. Felbon, J. Powell, R. Willaims

**Hospitality:** C. & T. Bax, A. & O. Rench

**Sacristan:** Helen Crusen

**April Volunteers: Week 4**

**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> Counting Day:**

Team #4

**Church Dusters**

Michelle Bertrand

**April Aluminum Cans Recycle**

Jerry Calvert

**April Food Pantry Collection**

Diane Urbanckas

**Hearts in Christ Collection**

Leann Flesch

**Rochester Estates –4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of April**

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Scheufele

**Carriage Crossing – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of April**

Eucharistic Minister: Isabel Long

**Sacrificial Giving July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

	<b>This week</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Ordinary Envelopes	\$4,930.20	\$266,362.52
Renovation	\$130.00	\$27,922.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$665.00	\$800.00
Catholic Charities	\$50.00	\$1,185.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$50.00	\$951.00
Seminarians	\$150.00	\$1,945.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$50.00	\$671.00
Poor Account	\$61.00	\$19,942.91
Mass Stipend	\$10.00	\$4,317.86
Weekly total	\$6,096.20	
YTD total		\$411,377.68

### **Spiritual Support for the Sick**

Request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one facing illness or surgery. The Sacrament may be administered privately or after any Mass. If you or a loved one is in the hospital, Father would like to know so it is possible for him to visit. Please call the Parish Office at (217) 498-9197 for the anointing and/or a hospital visit.

Eucharistic Ministers taking communion to Carriage Crossing & Rochester Estates at 9:15am Sundays  
Frances Yocum is having a Communion Service at 2:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at Rochester Estate

**It is a privilege to pray for those who are ill. In hopes of keeping our list current, parishioners and parishioners' family and friends will be on the prayer list for 1 month unless the office is contacted to notify us that additional time is necessary. We are happy to keep people on the list as long as needed.**

**Please remember the elderly and homebound of our parish in your daily prayer.**

God bless them all, and ....

**Pray for Parishioners** – Leroy Bozarth, JoAnn Camille, Ann Carel, Morgan Culbertson, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Gary Dumonceaux, Marilyn Merkley, Jack Merkley, Andrea Miller, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Bill & Laurie White, Joe Rupnik

### **Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners**

**John Aplington** – Beth Yong

**Mary Aplington** – Beth Yong

**Owen Herpel** – Friend of Bortmess Family

**Kelly Diaz** – Niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

**Carol Hunter** – Friend of Roy & Cindy Collings

**Carol Kirby** – Friend of Ginger Rentschler

**Sam & Lily Lueker** – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch

**Traci Marsh** – Friend of Mary & Hartzel Bruno

**Barbara Mendenhall** – Family of Marie Ginter

**Charity Mizera** – Friend of Father Peter

**Scott Mulford** – Friend of Don & Lou Ellen Markovitch

**Claudia Oller** – Mary Bruno

**Joe Rupnik** – Friend of Mary Bruno

**Myra Shroeder** – Jane Molohon

**Cindy Usher** – Friend of Mary Bruno

**Connie & Marc Wilson** – Niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

**David Venable** – Family of Mary Bruno

**Richard Yong** – Beth Yong

### Rosie Riveter



This is Margaret Rollins from Rochester Estates; she will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 29<sup>th</sup>!

Margaret was and still is “Rosie the Riveter”, and for those of you that don’t know what that means, that was the name that was given to the 19 million women who left their homes

during WWII to take over the work the men left to fight the war. The “Rosie Riveters” worked in the lumber yards, steel mills, making munitions, building ships unloading freight and repairing the plans, where they learned how to use a rivet gun!

Margaret has been honored by WWII veterans and is celebrated for her bravery and hard work. Margaret is wonderful, amazing, slightly sarcastic, thoroughly enjoyable, and lively woman who is still practicing her Catholic faith. She is always eager to see those of us who do the Communion services.

There will be a parade to celebrate Margaret’s birthday on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting in the Church parking lot at 5:15 p.m.

### Compassionate Communications Small Group Meetings

Compassionate Communication Series  
Starts: May 4 | 1:00–3:00 PM | Parish Center  
Duration: 14 weeks

Don't let the 14-week commitment intimidate you! While consistent attendance is encouraged for the best experience, we welcome you to join as your schedule allows. The course book will help you stay on track even if you miss a session. Space is still available—join us as you are able.

The Social Concerns Ministry is seeking assistance with the **Hearts in Christ Collection**. This includes picking up donated items from the bin that is inside the foyer at the parish center and delivering those items to local nonprofit agencies. We are currently looking for help for the months of July and October this year. If you are willing to sign up and help for a month, please contact Kara Gray.

Social Concerns Coordinator  
[Kara.gray@comcast.net](mailto:Kara.gray@comcast.net) or (217) 341-2269

### SDCCW Scholarship Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) 2026 High School Girl Graduate Scholarship Program! Are you a practicing Catholic girl



who is graduating from the 12th grade? If you attend a private or public school or are home schooled, you are eligible to apply! The SDCCW is pleased to award a \$2,000 scholarship to 4 Catholic high school girls who are graduating. This money should be used to further your education in either a community college or university, technical/trade/vocational school, or other non-traditional options. Three required documents (application, essay, and letter of recommendation) must be received by April 15th and sent to Rita Devore, 1006 Shenandoah Avenue, Effingham, IL 62401. In addition, the application must be signed by your pastor. Copies may be found in your parish.

For further questions, please call Rita Devore at 217-821-7517. Thank you



## DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

### OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This May, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). I invite you to give prayerful consideration to supporting this important effort. Fifty percent of the funds collected remain here in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, while the other half supports Catholic communication initiatives across the United States and around the world.

Through *Catholic Times*, social media, videos, podcasts, and other digital platforms, our diocese is using a wide range of tools to share the inspiring stories of people in our diocese, teach the faith, and offer hope and encouragement to people wherever they may be in their spiritual journey.

In recent years, engagement with our diocesan media has grown significantly. Our social media channels now reach more people than dioceses of similar size – and even some that are much larger. For instance, our Facebook page has grown from about 3,000 followers seven years ago to more than 13,000 today. Likewise, our YouTube channel has expanded from fewer than 500 subscribers in 2020 to over 20,000 today. This growth reflects the meaningful, inspiring, and educational content created by our diocesan team.

Our official podcast, *Dive Deep*, reaches listeners around the world and is even featured by EWTN on its podcast central platform. In addition, our communications team has produced the documentaries *God is Alive* and *God is Alive Part 2*, highlighting powerful stories of faith and miraculous events across the Midwest. More recently, the video series *One Mile Talks* – featuring priests sharing their vocation stories, personal interests, and moments of humor – has also resonated with many viewers.

With your generous support, we can continue to create impactful content that brings people closer to Christ and, for some, even back to the Church.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity.

Parishioners can donate online at [parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections](https://parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections) or use their second collection envelope. You can also mail your donation to your parish office. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](https://www.usccb.org/cc). Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois